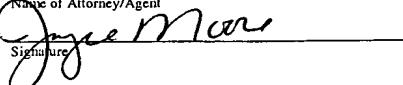




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In the application of

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Serial No. 10/027,647 : Group Art Unit 1744

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For A MOTORIZED HAND-HELD SCRUBBING DEVICE, A DISPOSABLE SCRUBBING SURFACE AND A METHOD OF USE THEREFOR

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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[] (6) Applicants also respectfully request the Examiner to consider and make of record the co-pending applications listed on the attached page.

[] Additional information is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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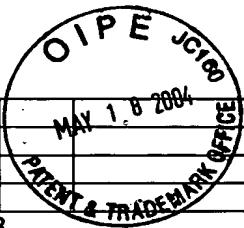
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